

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS ACT OF 1998

This legislation (House Bill #2906) was passed and signed into law on 5/18/98.

The Safe Neighborhoods Act is designed to support state and local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to hire or rehire additional sworn law enforcement officers as part of an overall plan to address crime and related problems through community policing. The Act, administered through the state Office of Criminal Justice Programs, appropriates \$7,500,000 state dollars to assist state and local law enforcement agencies who are applying for Universal Hiring Program (COPS) funding administered through the U.S. Dept. of Justice (Office of Community Oriented Policing).

The Safe Neighborhoods Act monies are to be used exclusively to assist state and local law enforcement agencies who have applied for and are receiving COPS/UHP grants or will apply and are approved for COPS UHP grants any time in the future. The state monies will provide a portion (10%) of the grantees 25% match for the federal grant. (Example: UHP grant application reflects a total operating cost of \$100,000 over a three year period. The applying/approved agency must provide 25% or \$25,000 for their portion of the required match over the time of the grant period. When approved by our office for Safe Neighborhoods Act funding, the grantee would receive \$10,000 (10% of the total amount of the grant to be used for match funding.)

\$75,000 (75% Federal Government)
\$15,000 (15% Local Government/Grantee)
\$10,000 (10% State Government/SAFE Grant)
\$100,000 (Total UHP Grant)

The COPS Universal Hiring Program provides up to 75% of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits for a new or rehired law enforcement officer over three years. The maximum that the COPS Office can pay per officer for the three year period is \$75,000. Therefore the maximum "state" match that the Safe Grant can pay for a new or rehired law enforcement officer for the three year period is \$10,000.

OCJP began processing applications on October 1st. All SAFE funds will be distributed on a first come/first served basis until all the funds are dispersed.

One-time appropriations are made in the form of a check to the local entities. It is estimated that monies from SAFE should still be available into the next fiscal year.

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- 2.) Submit a copy of your agency's COPS/Universal Hiring Program Awards Letter accepting this award, agreeing to abide by those conditions of the grant award as well as the approved budget sheet(s) as provided by the U.S. Dept. of Justice.
- 3.) Sign and date this form.

Authorized Official (Name, title & complete address) _____ _____ _____ _____

Signature of Authorized Official: _____ DATE: _____

Law Enforcement Official (Name, title & address) _____ _____ _____ _____

Signature of Law Enforcement Official _____ DATE: _____
